

TIDDINGTON WITH ALBURY PARISH COUNCIL

Councillors are hereby summoned to the Parish Council Meeting of Tiddington with Albury Parish Council at the Village Hall on **Tuesday 8th April 2025 at 7.30pm.**

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1. Apologies

2. Declarations of Interest - Jon Russell

3. Approve and sign minutes

4. Matters to Report

4.1 County Councillor – Tim Bearder **(TB)**

4.2 District Councillor - Tim Bearder **(TB)**

5. Flooding/Drains

- Expecting to hear more on the Section 19 investigation in the Spring - **LM**
- Update from Carl Stallwood (OCC - Senior Engineer) included:
 - Main Road: Aco kerb channels cleaned out. Survey required of Culvert under main road. This has been reviewed by the Section 19 investigation team and they will apply for funding via the Flood Expression of Interest programme - **WP**
 - Railway Culvert: requires additional clearing & will be done when resources are available - **CS**
 - Ickford Road: root mass discovered along the drains at the back of houses, to be cleared 24th February. Ditch alongside the allotments needs digging out urgently
 - Draycot Corner: need a discussion with the house owner and OCC about the broken pipe. To be arranged - **TS/CS**
 - Sandy Lane: Discussion needed between landowners, OCC and SODC on altering the side of the road the drainage ditch currently runs. To be arranged - **TS/CS**

6. Neighbourhood Plan / Nature Recovery

- Granted £1,000 for Thame River Conservation Trust proposal from SODC Community Councillor Grants. Need confirmation on how it will be spent - **CH/LM**
- TOE (Trust for Oxfordshires Environment) visited Sandy Lane Farm on 15/10/24 to discuss introducing some funding for ponds on the site. However, farm owners want to use the pond for irrigation purposes as well which TOE will not fund. Further discussion required - **CH**
- The TNR are receiving training on nitrate measurement by R Thame Conservation Trust to assess the health of Tiddington brook - **CH**
- Offers to help from DofE student - **CH/LM**

7. Councillors' Update of Matters in Hand

7.1 Ickford Bridges

- Ickford Bridges have been assessed & agreed work is required. With OCC bridges team - **LM**
- Ickford Parish Council have given up & taken it off their agenda until new Councillors start- **LM**
- Reported on Fix My Street, with new photos added (Jan 25). Under investigation now - **LM**

7.2 20mph Consultation

- Further email sent to Freddie van Mierlo on 06/02/25 regarding no response from Councillor Gant. TB has received a response however, requested a copy 06/03/25 - **TB/LM**
- There will be a review of the impact of 20mph restrictions in due course (probably 2026) and Tiddington may get more support after this is completed. Antony Kirkwood (previously Safety Officer) now heads up this area, including Vision Zero.
- The Parish could conduct our own Community Speed Watch programme, if sufficient volunteers were available. Currently monitoring actions of '20s Plenty for Us' group - **ALL**

7.3 Bench installed around the tree.

- Base installed but joints were coming apart but seem OK now. Bench out of warranty (purchased in April 2023) - **LM**

7.4 Fix My Street

- Drains appear to be blocked higher up Albury View, report on FMS - **TS/CH**
- Bottom of Albury Lane, drains still blocked, some work done but ineffectual, report again - **RS**
- Worn road surface in Sandy Lane, near Spring, put on FMS again - **TS/LM**
- Potholes and worn out road on A40 through Milton Common reported - **VB**
- Ickford Bridges reported on FMS - **LM**

7.5 Defibrillators

- All three defibrillators need checking - **TS**
- Sourced some training for using Defibrillators & basic first aid from South Central Ambulance Service who require min 20 people & donation. Article in Newsletter to gauge interest - **TS**
- Need stickers with What3words on them to be applied - **TS**
 - newlywed.split.adjusting - Cricket Club
 - tickling.decency.rumble - F&G
 - intricate.panning.limelight - VH

7.6 Albury Lane repairs

- The road remains a restricted by-way, but there is a recognition that it shouldn't be. Will need further dialogue to sort out longer term so it gets on the Highways Asset register - **TB**
- Found a letter (from 1960's) stating Council were responsible for repairs, copy sent to **TB** 13/03/25. Need to see what the deeds stated when some of the land was sold - **RS**
- Once picture is clearer need to email Freddie van Mierlo to ask for help - **LM/RS**

7.7 Installation of Ultrafast Broadband – Gigaclear

- Initial Gigaclear letters sent to all residents w/c 15/01/25. Meeting at Tetsworth Hall on Wednesday 2nd April 6.30 to 7.30pm - **LM**
- **Waterstock Road closed for Gigaclear build - 8th to 12th May**

7.8 Road Sign Cleaning kit

- Massive thank you to Emma and Abii for a great job done on cleaning the signs in the Village!

7.9 South Central Probation UPW Consultation 2024

- The PC had a survey from South Central Probation UPW (Unpaid Work) Community Service Team regarding utilising these resources in the Parish. Survey completed (Dec 24), still awaiting response - **LM**

7.10 Trees

- The tree on the corner by the entrance to Village Hall car park needs assessing **asap** - **TS**
- OCC arriving w/c 6th May to take down trees along the embankment marked with red dots - **TS**

7.11 Parking Restrictions for School Bus

- Submitted parking measure request, three times, still awaiting feedback from Highways - **LM**

- Received response from Jon Beale however. If we require a parking sign, we will need to request a TRO and may be asked to contribute to the cost - circa £3,500. Awaiting confirmation - **LM**

7.12 Spring Litter Pick

- Successful litter pick in both Tiddington and Milton Common. Massive thank you to all who turned out

7.13 Dog fouling bins

- Asked if we can replace open bin in Albury View with closed double bin, sent 27/02/25 - **LM**
- Need to check if bin near Belfry is being emptied by OCC, appears it's not being done - **LM**

7.14 Part-Night Lighting

- A new group run by OCC is conducting a review into Night Street Lighting via a series of workshops. Circulate findings as they occur - **LM**

8. Planning

8.1 Planning Applications received:

- **P25/SO325/LDP - Ambleside, Oxford Road** - Demolition of existing conservatory and erection of a single storey extension. **Approved**
- **P25/SO543/A - Belfry Hotel** - replacement signage. **Approved**

8.2 Planning Decisions to be noted:

- **P23/S2584/FUL – Oakfield, Oxford Road.** Creation of the drive & impact on public footpath appear not to match submitted & approved plans. **Enforcement Team closed, case, no breach**

8.3 Planning Decisions Pending (awaiting decision from SODC planning department):

- **P24/S3204/O - 46, Ickford Road:** Replacement of one dwelling with four. **Decision date: 27th February 2025. Need more information on ecology and drainage from applicants.**

8.4 Planning Appeals in progress:

- **P23/S2384/O - Jn 8a, M40 Waterstock, Appeal ref: APP/Q3115/W/24/3343775.**
- The Inquiry started on 15/10/24 and concluded end January, final report due end of March

8.5 Planning Consultations

- None

9. Finance

9.1 Applications for routine subscriptions and donations

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| a. OPFA | £49.00 |
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9.2 Accounts for payment this month

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| a. Administration to the Parish Council (Luci Martin) | £431.80 |
| b. Parchments Print (April/May edition) plus stickers (£30) | £326.00 |

9.3 Invoices approved and signed since the previous meeting

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| a. Big Luke's Handyman Services | £2,299.00 |
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9.4 Receipts:

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| a. Interest (deposit account) @ 10/03/25 | £17.44 |
| b. Precept NB £7,000 already in bank account from September 2024 | £250.00 |
| c. Advertising income - newsletter 24/25 (total to date) | £860.40 |
| d. Advertising income - newsletter 25/26 (total to date) | £102.60 |

9.5 Balances at bank on 2nd April:

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| a. Current Account (Lloyds Bank) | £561.00 |
| b. Deposit Account (Lloyds Bank) | £25,944.60 |
| c. Current Account (Nat West Bank) | £0 |

10. 2024/25 accounts

- VAT reclaim submitted 16/01/25, still awaiting payment- **TS**
- Newsletter invoices chased 06/03/25, 11 out of 16 payments to date - **TS/JR**

- Need to change names on Bank account, remove Russell Chaplin and Ken Field. Rebecca Stodden has agreed to be a signatory - **TS**
- AGAR to be submitted to external auditors by 30/06/25 - **LM/TS**

11. 2025/26 Accounts

- New spreadsheets set up for the financial year - **LM**

12. Standing Orders

- Meeting to investigate requirements to be confirmed asap - **VB**

13. Newsletter

- Invoices and new rates sent to all current advertisers w/c 03/02/25, chased 06/03/25 - **TS/JR**
- For inclusion next edition (submission due 15/05/25): Chairs report, results of Spring Clean inc. pictures, Playground changes (completed hopefully!), Gigaclear update

14. Additional Play Equipment in Playground

- Installation of new equipment w/c 28/04/25, pre site visit completed with **LM & RS** 01/04/25
- Areas in the car park and whole playground will be cordoned from 28/04 for a week. New equipment will be cordoned off until inspection approved, probably w/c 05/05 - **LM**
- Bark from under swings and soil level restored will be done by Creative Play
- Barrier will need to be opened for early 28/04 - **TS**
- Creative Play will need access to water from Village Hall at some point - **LM**

15. Playground Maintenance

- Checked weekly - all forms up to February received - **RS**
- Balls to be put in a bag on a hook under table, bats to be stored in VH - **TS/KF**
- Green bench to be renovated - **TS**
- New basketball net purchased and to be installed - **LM**
- Fort repairs completed in March. Now needs painting, job for DoE volunteer - **LM**
- Need to resolve mole problem in recreation area and playground - **LM/RS**

16. Community Emergency Plan

- Need to update existing plan urgently - **VB/TS**
- Received a toolkit and templates from OCC, and offer to help check drafts

17. Sewage dispersal into River by Thames Water

- Letter received from Freddie van Mierlo requesting information on: Sewage Leaks, Tankering in the Parish and Bill. Need to agree who to feedback - **All**

18. Correspondence Received:

- Rural Bulletin, Rural Services Network, Public Sector Network Newsletter, Thames Valley Alerts, Citizen Advice, Neighbourhood Watch newsletter, CommunityFirst, Wheatley Parish Council Newsletter, Haseleys Newsletter plus other general correspondence - circulated
- SODC general communications - circulated
- OCC general communication - circulated
- OALC general communications - circulated

AOB:

Next Meeting: Tuesday 13th May 2025, Village Hall at 7.30pm